

June 22, 2010
Special Meeting
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2010

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor
N. Gregory Cuffey, Vice Mayor
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Curtis W. Harris, Councilor
Kenneth B. Emerson, Councilor
Gerald S. Stokes, Councilor
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor

Ann M. Romano, City Clerk
Edwin C. Daley, City Manager
Thomas E. Lacheney, City Attorney

Mayor Pelham opened the Special Meeting at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes

Welcome by the Mayor.

Mayor Pelham requested that the third agenda item, consideration of the PPEA Proposals for Concession Stand/Restrooms at Mathis Field, be brought forward to the first agenda item to allow Mr. Harlan to make his presentation.

REGULAR BUSINESS – CONSIDER PPEA PROPOSALS FOR CONCESSION STAND/RESTROOMS – MATHIS FIELD

Mr. Harlan of Harlan Construction Company addressed Council regarding the PPEA Proposal for the Concession Stand and Restrooms at Mathis Field. He plans for the permitting process and design work to be done during the late summer so as not to interrupt the softball and baseball season. (Ms. Turek, Director of Recreation & Parks indicated that ball season will end in late July or early August.) The present facility will continue to be used in the meantime. The building will take approximately four to five months to complete.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilor Stokes, and seconded by Councilor Walton to convene into Closed Session to discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions (School Board Appointments), in accordance with Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A)(1). Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes

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Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

OPEN SESSION

Council convened into Open Session. Councilors responded to the question: “Were the only matters discussed in the Closed Meeting public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements; and public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Meeting?” Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

REGULAR BUSINESS – SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilor Stokes, and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuffey, to appoint Christopher Reber and Shirl Jefferson to the Hopewell School Board for terms from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	NO
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	NO
Councilor Emerson	-	NO
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

The vote was 4/3. The motion passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS – POLICY FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Cuffey, and seconded by Councilor Stokes to resolve to adopt the Resolution for reappointment of members to Boards and Commissions.

Council discussed the pros and cons of the proposal.

Vice Mayor Cuffey **withdrew** his motion and Councilor Stokes withdrew his second.

Motion was made by Councilor Bailey, and seconded by Councilor Walton, to postpone the issue until the second Council meeting in August for further discussion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

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**REGULAR BUSINESS – CONSIDER PPEA PROPOSALS FOR CONCESSION STAND/RESTROOMS
AT MATHIS FIELD**

Motion was made by Councilor Emerson, and seconded by Councilor Harris, to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to prepare a comprehensive agreement with Harlan Construction for a Concession Stand/Restrooms at Mathis Field. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

REGULAR BUSINESS – SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR IRRIGATORS

Motion was made by Councilor Stokes, and seconded by Councilor Walton, to approve an ordinance on first reading authorizing the City Manager to create an irrigation credit for sewer use charges in the City of Hopewell. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

REGULAR BUSIENSS – SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Taylor, Co-Chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee, introduced members of the committee who were present: Co-Chair Dr. Steven Anders-Ft.Lee; Dr. Jane McCullen-Historic Hopewell Foundation; Shirley Belkowitz-Historic Hopewell Foundation; Herbert Bragg-PIO/PAC; Grant Gates & Lewis Rogers, Superintendent-National Park Service; Joe Jones-College of William & Mary, Archaeological Center; and, Vice Mayor Cuffey. Unable to attend were Libbi Newsome-Tourism Department; and Prof. Laurant Lee, Curator-Virginia Historical Society.

There was a Power Point presentation with comments from Mr. Taylor, Dr. Anders, Ms. Belkowitz, and Mr. Jones. (Copies of the handouts are filed in the City Clerk's Office.)

The Committee requested \$50,000 in the budget be set aside for expenses related to the commemoration. They will also apply for grants and find additional funding.

**PROCLAMATION – MARY ATTERHOLT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-HOPWELL/PRINCE
GEORGE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Mayor Pelham presented Ms. Atterholt with a proclamation. Her staff was recognized and Jerry Williams, on behalf of the local board, voiced appreciation for her devotion and services.

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PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Mary Atterholt served as Executive Director of the Hopewell/Prince George Chapter of the American Red Cross from June 1, 2004 through June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, she was honored for Excellence in Management on October 25, 2007 from the Cameron Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atterholt was instrumental in providing leadership in organizing Shelter Management regionally with the City of Hopewell and Prince George County resulting in a mutual agreement that provides a cost savings for the communities; and

WHEREAS, some of her other achievements include providing quality health and safety classes for individuals, corporation and the faith-based communities; providing Chapter blood drives six times annually in addition to industrial and faith-based drives; creation of a Golf Tournament at Fort Lee for four years that provided free golf participation for military personnel; creation of a joint fund raiser with the Hopewell Recreational Foundation and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, Mary was instrumental in securing a mutual agreement with the Steel Workers International Union Local 12103 and the City of Hopewell and the Hopewell/Prince George American Red Cross; and in securing a regional agreement with the Riverside Regional Jail providing meals for sheltering of community residents during a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR BRENDA S. PELHAM on behalf of the Hopewell City Council that sincere Thanks, Best Wishes and Godspeed are offered to

Mary Atterholt

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Hopewell in the Commonwealth of Virginia this 30th day of June 2010.

/S/Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor
City of Hopewell, Virginia

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made at 8:20 PM by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Harris, to convene into Closed Session to discuss Personnel (Performance Evaluations: City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager), in accordance with Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A)(1). Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

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Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Emerson thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with him, including staff and directors. It was an honor for him to serve the City of Hopewell, his birthplace.

Vice Mayor Cuffey had served for the past four years. During that time he had seen improvement in Hopewell's quality education and in better care of senior citizens. He had short term goals and long term goals. He is proud of the opportunity to serve as Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff, and to see construction of the new Human Services Building, among other things. His commitment to serve has not diminished. He has represented Hopewell nationally, regionally, and locally. Hopewell has created jobs and continues to fight crime. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Hopewell.

Mayor Pelham thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. She thanked all who helped her in any capacity. She thanked her family for the time they gave up during the past two years. She thanked her next door neighbor, Earline Allen for her assistance and Ms. Peterson from down the street. Mayor Pelham thanked all of the civic, social and service organizations. It was her honor to serve the City of Hopewell under one God.

ADJOURN

At 9:20 PM **motion** was made by Councilor Emerson, and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuffey, to adjourn the meeting. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

Ann M. Romano, City Clerk